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## **Saudi Arabia**

### **Barley Trade Quarterly**

#### **Saudi Arabia's Barley Imports During First Quarter of 2010**

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**Saudi Arabia's Barley Imports During First Quarter of 2010**

During the first quarter (January-March) of calendar year 2010, Saudi Arabia's barley imports decreased by 19 percent from 1,450 thousand metric tons in the first quarter of 2009 to 1,176 thousand metric tons in the same period of 2010 ( Table I and II). Barley importers attributed the significant reduction in barley imports in the first quarter of 2010 to good pasture conditions in the Northern part of Saudi Arabia during last winter. Mean while, the availability of subsidized competitively priced feed concentrates was an additional reason for the decline in barley imports.

Table I shows that in January-March 2010, Ukraine and Russia, supplied 58 and 19 percent respectively, of Saudi Arabia's total barley imports.

<b>Table I. January-March 2010 Saudi Arabia's Barley Imports</b>					
<b>---000 metric tons---</b>					
<b>Month</b>	<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>Russia</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>January</b>	307	51	35	16	<b>409</b>
<b>February</b>	40	0	24	52	<b>116</b>
<b>March</b>	335	168	96	52	<b>651</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,176</b>

<b>Table II. January-March 2009 Saudi Arabia's Barley Imports</b>						
<b>---000 metric tons---</b>						
<b>Month</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>Russia</b>	<b>Argentina</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	399	156	88	0	58	<b>701</b>
February	121	174	0	32	0	<b>327</b>
March	248	99	39	36	0	<b>422</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,450</b>

